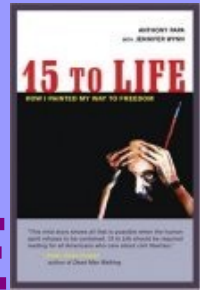


# 15 YEARS TO LIFE



Governor David Paterson at the Whitney Museum with Anthony Papa's painting "15 to Life"





APRIL 24, 2009 QUEENS, NY/ANTHONY PAPA THANKING GOV. PATERSON FOR REFORMING THE ROCKEFELLER DRUG LAWS

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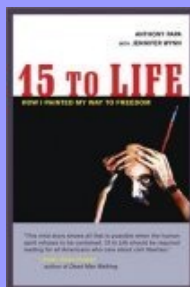
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A story of inspiration of the human spirit that creates a common path that anyone could follow in transcending a negative experience.

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**15 to Life** tells a rare adventure story: how a family man, railroaded by the subterfuge surrounding the War on Drugs, was able to get an early release from prison through his art and become a major activist against draconian drug laws. Offered a chance to make a quick \$500, Anthony Papa agreed to deliver an envelope in a fated police sting operation. His first and only criminal offense cost Papa a 15-year sentence to Sing-Sing, New York State's maximum-security prison. Suicide was contemplated when Tony Papa realized that the best years of his life would be spent in a six-foot cell. One day he discovered painting. It gave him hope, and he discovered a talent. When the Whitney Museum chose his painting to exhibit, he suddenly received intense media attention. Governor Pataki got wind of his case, and after 12 hard years of time, Anthony Papa was granted clemency. 15 to Life is more than a dramatic story more than an inside look at the most dangerous prison in America today — it is also an important sociological work and a call for reform of the destructive laws of the War on Drugs.

<http://www.comcast.net/video/sentence-too-high/23468860/> (see video of 15 to life book interview)

### **Review Highlights**

"This tension-filled memoir by a prisoner turned activist and artist may seem familiar after Jennifer Gonnerman's NBA-nominated *Life on the Outside*, but unlike Gonnerman, Papa describes excessive imprisonment under harsh drug laws with the grim certainty of firsthand experience."

**--Publishers Weekly**

"Papa has an astounding visual imagination. 15 to Life is more than an insider's view of New York's prison archipelago. It's also a powerful statement against a war on drugs."

**--New York Press**

**"Anthony Papa has written a riveting account of how he courageously painted his way to freedom from prison after unnecessarily serving twelve years. His story puts a human face on the nearly one million nonviolent drug offenders confined in prisons throughout the country" --Susan Sarandon - Actor/Activist**

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Papa Art

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WhitneyArtShow

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